

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

In the Matter of the Petition
of Q Link Wireless, LLC, for
Designation as an Eligible
Telecommunications for
Carrier in the State of Utah.

Docket No. 12-2549-01

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HEARING  
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TAKEN AT: Heber M. Wells Building
160 East 300 South, Room 451
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

DATE: Tuesday, December 4, 2012

TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 10:13 a.m.

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THE COURT: We'll be on the record. My name is

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David Clark. I'm the designated presiding officer in the matter

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that is before the Commission at this time. This is the time and

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place duly noticed for a hearing in the matter of the petition of Q

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Link Wireless, LLC, for designation as an eligible

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telecommunications carrier in the state of Utah, Docket No.

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And we'll begin with appearances of counsel. Mr.

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Steinhart is participating via telephone and representing the

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applicant. Mr. Steinhart, let me ask you to identify yourself for

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the record.

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MR. STEINHART: This is Lance Steinhart, the

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attorney for Q Link Wireless, LLC.

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THE COURT: Thank you.

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Mr. Jetter.

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MR. JETTER: This is Justin Jetter for the Division

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of Public Utilities. And with me is Casey Coleman, a utility

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technical consultant with the Division of Public Utilities.

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MS. MURRAY: Cheryl Murray with the Office of

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Consumer Services. And I don't have counsel with me today.

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THE COURT: Thank you, Ms. Murray.

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Any other party desire to identify themselves for the

1 record?

2 MR. STEINHART: Your Honor, this is Lance
3 Steinhart. I also have Kasey Chow from my office on the line.

4 THE COURT: Thank you very much.

5 MR. STEINHART: Thank you.

6 THE COURT: Mr. Steinhart, how would you like to
7 proceed?

8 MR. STEINHART: I think initially we'd like to offer
9 the direct testimony of Issa Asad that was filed in this docket to
10 support the stipulation-- the settlement agreement. And
11 secondly, just generally state that we, obviously, support the
12 stipulation and settlement agreement that was proffered in this
13 docket.

14 THE COURT: Thank you.

15 Is there any objection to the receipt into evidence
16 of Mr. Asad's testimony as Q Link Exhibit 1?

17 MR. JETTER: There is no objection from the
18 Division.

19 MS. MURRAY: No objection from the Office.

20 THE COURT: So the testimony will be received in
21 evidence.

22 (Q Link Exhibit 1 was received into evidence.)

23 THE COURT: Anything further, Mr. Steinhart?

24 MR. STEINHART: No, thank you.

25 THE COURT: Mr. Jetter?

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MR. JETTER: The Division will just call its first witness, Casey Coleman.

THE COURT: Mr. Coleman, would you raise your right hand, please.

Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you are about to give shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

MR. COLEMAN: Yes.

THE COURT: Mr. Jetter.

CASEY COLEMAN, having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY-MR.JETTER:

Q. Mr. Coleman, could you state your name and occupation for the record.

A. Casey Coleman, and I'm a utility technical consultant for the Division of Public Utilities.

Q. Thank you. Mr. Coleman, have you reviewed the application and filings made throughout the record in this docket?

A. Yes.

Q. And have you reviewed the stipulation and settlement agreement?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you agree that if the stipulation and settlement

1 agreement as has been filed is approved by the Commission,
2 that would result in rates that are just, reasonable, and in the
3 public interest?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. I have no further questions. Thank you.

6 THE COURT: Thank you.

7 Any cross-examination for Mr. Coleman?

8 Thank you. And I have no questions.

9 Ms. Murray, would you like to make any sort of
10 statement on behalf of the Office?

11 MS. MURRAY: Just a brief statement, please.

12 STATEMENT BY CHERYL MURRAY

13 MS. MURRAY: My name is Cheryl Murray. I'm a
14 utility analyst with the Office of Consumer Services. And the
15 Office's consideration of Q Link's application is both with the
16 benefits that will be made available to low-income customers
17 through wireless ETCs and the funds that are collected from
18 telecommunications customers to support the lifeline service.

19 The Office recognizes the need for low-income
20 persons to have access to telephone service, and generally
21 supports the ability to obtain that access through wireless
22 telephone service.

23 In the Office's judgment, the settlement is in the
24 public interest, and we recommend Commission approval.

25 THE COURT: Thank you. Does anyone else desire

1 to make any statement for the Commission's benefit before we
2 adjourn our hearing today?

3 Any other matters that we need to consider? Thank
4 you very much. Then we'll be adjourned.

5 Mr. Steinhart, we hope to have a written order out
6 within the next week to ten days, I would say.

7 MR. STEINHART: Right. Okay. Thank you very
8 much.

9 THE COURT: Thank you.

10 (The matter was concluded at 10:13 a.m.)

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